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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District Office (WDO), Humboldt River Field Office (HRFO) has issued a Decision Record (DR) and a Finding of No Significant Impact for Gold Acquisition Corporation (GAC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Pershing Gold Corporation, on its Relief Canyon project. The Relief Canyon Mine is located Pershing County approximately 17.5 miles east northeast of Lovelock, in Packard Flat between the Humboldt and West Humboldt ranges (Township 27 North, Range 33 East, sections 16-21). The Relief Canyon Mine began operations in 1981. The mine has been owned and operated under several different owners over the past 35 years. GAC recently purchased the property and submitted a Modification to the Plan of Operations (NVN 064634) to expand the mine.

The Decision Record implements the proposed action. Past BLM authorizations have approved up to 622.5 acres of surface disturbance at the Relief Canyon Mine, with 396.9 acres currently in use. The proposed modification will result in 211.8 acres of new disturbance on acreage previously authorized for disturbance. The proposed uses of the new disturbance will differ from what was originally authorized but will not increase the total disturbance authorized.

The Environmental Assessment, DR and FONSI are available on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) webpage at <http://1.usa.gov/1NrpZHI>. Hardcopies of these documents are available upon request or are available for review at the WDO during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lorence Busker at (775) 623-1500 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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